

City of Taunton  
Municipal Council  
February 28, 2023

**The Committee on Finance and Salaries**

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman and Councilor McCaul. Councilor Pettier was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM.

**1. Meet to review the weekly vouchers and payroll for City departments.**

**MOTION:** *Approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,243,948.90. So voted.*

**MOTION:** *Approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$1,380,127.71. So voted.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie E. Clarke*

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**The Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills**

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Councilor Barry Sanders, Chairman, and Councilors Dooner and McCaul. CFO Patrick Dello Russo, City Solicitor Matt Costa, and Director of Human Resources Amy Kazlauskas were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 PM.

**1. Meet with the CFO to discuss the proposed title change from “Chief Procurement Officer” to “Director of Procurement” under Chapter 96 “Procurement Department”.**

Councilor Sanders explained that he had placed a call to the Inspector General’s office and had, therefore, requested that this topic be tabled last week to give him time to receive a return call. He indicated that the Inspector General’s office pointed him to M. G. L. c. 30b § 19 which indicates that only the Chief Procurement Officer can delegate responsibilities of the CPO to somebody else. Now, this will be the Director of Procurement, who will have all the expectations of the CPO, so his understanding is that there is no significant change. Councilor Sanders also referenced M. G. L. c. 41 § 103 which refers to the “purchasing agent” and expressed his understanding that the purchasing agent will now be the Director of Procurement who will have the purchasing agent responsibilities. He asked if the form required by the Inspector General’s office designating the Director of Procurement as the City’s CPO would be completed and he was informed that it would be. He further requested, when the job description is sent to the Councilors, that both the old and new job descriptions be forwarded.

**MOTION:** *Approve and move to a first reading. So voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

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**The Committee on American with Disabilities Compliance**

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were John McCaul, Chairman, and Councilors Quintal and Sanders. City Planner Kevin Scanlon and Donna DiCorpo and Nancilee LeMaire of the Taunton Commission for Individuals with Disabilities were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM.

**1. Meet with members of the ADA Commission and Kevin Scanlon to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Transition Report and implementation updates.**

Donna DiCorpo, the Commission Chairperson, gave the Councilors an update on the transition report and indicated that much has been completed. She expressed her wish to reformat the report to better reflect what is left to be done since some buildings are no longer being used and some departments have moved. She indicated that some departments have not reported anything and she would like to understand why and believes it would help to see the report showing what is still outstanding. Ms. DiCorpo also emphasized that, while some items come off the list, other items go back onto the list and it is a fluid document.

Councilor McCaul questioned why some departments have not complied and Mr. Scanlon explained that in some cases it is a large, expensive project that is needed. At the Animal Shelter, for example, extensive renovations to the entryway and bathroom are needed. He further explained that the funding goes through the Building Department and they address projects throughout the City. Ms. DiCorpo suggested that the Building Department needs more money to address ADA issues. Mr. Scanlon indicated that he could revamp the spreadsheet and agreed that sometimes things previously fixed need to go back on the list. He used the example of the ADA parking at the Friedman School which was fine but now is degraded and needs attention.

Nancilee LeMaire spoke about snow that is dumped in the Trescott Lot and ends up falling into the handicapped parking area. Dumping is also an issue at that lot.

Ms. DiCorpo reported that Officer Arsenio Chaves has been great at helping particularly with issues related to handicapped parking. She emphasized that the sign that is required for handicapped parking by ISO standards is the person in a wheelchair sign, not the racing wheelchair sign.

Councilor Sanders moved: **MOTION:** *Handicapped parking signs that do not have the appropriate ISO symbol be replaced with signs with the appropriate ISO symbol. So voted.*

Ms. LeMaire reported that at Planet Petroleum cars are parked on the sidewalk so there is no accessibility within that area.

Councilor Quintal moved: **MOTION:** *Contact the Safety Officer to look into the matter. So voted.*

Councilor Sanders clarified the budgeting for work to be completed. Mr. Scanlon explained that \$100,000 each goes into the Building Department, DPW, and Park and Rec budgets for ADA improvements. These are the main funding sources. For example, the Animal Shelter does not have its own funding for ADA improvements. Councilor Sanders also clarified that the Building Department would prioritize projects and Mr. Scanlon agreed that, by and large, the Building Department does since the \$100,000 is not earmarked for a specific project. Mr. Scanlon pointed out that man-power is another issue. Councilor Sanders suggested that the TCID share their priorities with the Council, if they desired. Mr. Scanlon indicated that the Commission is already prioritizing and the Golf Course is one area that needs attention. Councilor Sanders asked if the Commission has been involved with the design for the new Public Safety Building and, while Mr. Scanlon has been involved, Ms. DiCorpo suggested she would like to also be involved and thinks that it would be helpful to look at things ahead of time.

Councilor Sanders moved: **MOTION:** *The City Council request that the Mayor include two representatives of the TCID on the Public Safety Building Committee.*

Councilor Dooner, who has attended the committee meetings, indicated that Mr. Scanlon has been very forthcoming. She expressed her belief that they are not at the design phase yet.

Councilor Postell wondered what the City has learned from past experiences and Mr. Scanlon suggested that the process used at the Mulcahey School and City Hall be duplicated and that he and Ms. DiCorpo were very involved. Councilor Postell asked what continuity of operations are in place and Ms. DiCorpo stated that AAB regulations and ADA standards must be followed and, where there is a conflict, the stricter rule must be followed.

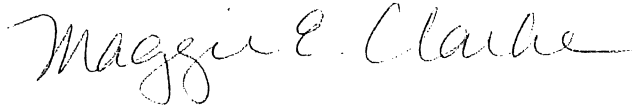
**So Voted.**

Councilor Couste shared that with new buildings an architect draws and stamps the plans confirming that they meet ADA codes, the project manager reviews, and the City building inspectors enforce the building code.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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**The Committee on Solid Waste**

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Estele Borges, Chairman, and Councilors Dooner, Postell and Couté. Councilor Pottier was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

**1. Meet to review items in file:**

**a. Request discussion on the composting RFP for yard and food waste**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file but combine with item "o", "Current situation with yard waste removal". So voted.*

**b. Request to discuss anaerobic digestion**

**MOTION:** *Keep separately in file and combine items g, i, j, k, m, and s as one item on the Aries project. So voted.*

**c. Discussion on rolling trash bins**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

**d. Request a discussion regarding textile recycling**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

**e. Request a discussion on trash trucks going through Bassett Street, using it as a cut through**

Councilor Postell suggested that speed could be an issue.

**MOTION:** *Remove from the file and refer to the Safety Officer. So voted.*

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- f. Request a proposal from the DPW to make mattress disposal part of the senior trash program**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

- g. Invite Clean Air Taunton for a presentation**

See above, combined under Aries project.

- h. Discussion on trash and recycling contracts and trash bag**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

- i. Discussion on comments from Aries and public input at 8/9/22 Meeting**

See above, combined under Aries project.

- j. Discussion with the City Solicitor and the Procurement Officer on the procurement of a sludge treatment facility**

See above, combined under Aries project.

- k. Letter to MEPA Office Mr. Strysky re. Comments on DEIR Aries Taunton, LLC**

See above, combined under Aries project.

- l. Recycling at condominiums, particularly Landsend Condo**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

- m. Third party review of Aries by Tetra Tech**

See above, combined under Aries project.

- n. Discuss senior trash bag program**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file and discuss expanding with a Representative from the Mayor's Office, the Assessor, and the Director of Elder Affairs. So voted.*

**o. Current situation with yard waste removal**

See above: Combined with item "a".

**p. Service Challenges with Curbside trash and recycling**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

**q. Challenges with municipal solid waste pickup specifically the downtown area.**

**MOTION:** *Remove from the file. So voted.*

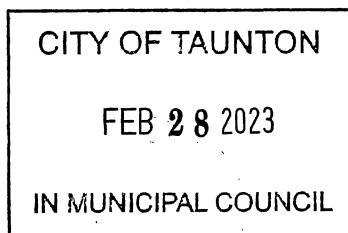
**r. Special employee status for Board of Health hearing officer**

**MOTION:** *Keep in file. So voted.*

**s. Discuss inviting DEP to do a presentation on the master plan for the landfill and gasification.**

See above: combined under Aries project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.



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